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SUBJECT: ITALIAN VIEWS ON MBFR/CSCE, NPT AND  
US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

SUMMARY: DURING JULY 19 LUNCHEON WITH EMBOFF, ITALIAN  
EMBASSY COUNSELOR FERRABOSCHI EMPHASIZED ROME'S  
INTENTION TO BE HELPFUL IN EUROGROUP AND ON BURDEN-  
SHARING WITHIN LIMITS DICTATED BY CURRENT ITALIAN  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FERRABOSCHI STRESSED THE FAR  
GREATER IMPORTANCE ITALY ATTACHED TO MBFR THAN TO CSCE,  
AND SAID ROME CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT FRANCE  
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PLAY A FULL ROLE IN DEVELOPING US/EUROPEAN DECLARATION

OF PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS IN INTENSIFIED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. ITALIAN REP EXPECTED RATIFICATION OF NPT BY SUMMER 1974 AT THE LATEST. END SUMMARY.

1. US TROOP PRESENCE. FERRABOSCHI STARTED THE CONVERSATION BY QUESTIONING EMBOFF CLOSELY ON JULY 19 FRONT PAGE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FORESAW INITIAL US TROOP CUTS, PRESUMABLY PER MBFR, IN 1974. EMBOFF SAID HE KNEW OF NO SUCH TIMETABLE AND RECALLED STATEMENTS IN US PAPER AND BY DR. KISSINGER THAT US MBFR POSITIONS WOULD BE MEASURED AGAINST SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMBOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES FOR TROOP CUTS COULD BECOME URGENT DURING 1974, FOLLOWING INITIAL MONTHS OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, EMBOFF TOLD ITALIAN REP THAT US WOULD WELCOME EUROPEAN ACTIONS THAT WOULD REDUCE AND STILL BETTER ELIMINATE US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MILITARY ACCOUNT.

2. FERRABOSCHI SAID THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE LOGIC OF OUR POSITION AND INTENDED, WITHIN THE PERAMETER OF ITS POSSIBILITIES, TO DO ITS UTMOST IN THE EUROGROUP AND ON THE BURDENSARING FRONT. BUT FERRABOSCHI CITED ITALIAN FINANCE MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT "THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS" WOULD REQUIRE GOI CONCENTRATION ON PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND ON STRENGTHENING OF LIRA. ANOTHER PROBLEM WOULD BE PARTICIPATION OF SOCIALISTS IN A NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. NONE THE LESS, THE VITAL ITALIAN AND EUROPEAN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING US TROOP PRESENCE AND IN FOSTERING MBFR RATIONALE FOR THAT PRESENCE WOULD LEAD ITALIANS TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN INCREASED EUROPEAN DEFENSE AND BURDENSARING EFFORTS. EMBOFF WELCOMED THESE INTENTIONS, BUT RECALLED MANSFIELD PLAN TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL THIS AUTUMN AND ADDED THAT EXPEDITIOUS PROGRESS ON BURDENSARING WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

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3. US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS. FERRABOSCHI NOTED IMPORTANCE OF TIMING ON THE TROOP ISSUE AND SAID ROLE OF FRANCE ALSO WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT. FERRABOSCHI ALSO EMPHASIZED THE ITALIAN VIEW THAT FRANCE SHOULD PLAY A FULL ROLE IN ELABORATION OF US/EUROPEAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. HE SAID ROME, LIKE BONN, ALSO BELIEVED PARIS PRESENTLY WAS ENGAGED IN MAJOR REEVALUATION OF FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY BUT HAD FOUND

IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THAT REVIEW. FERRABOSCHI EMPHASIZED ITALIAN WISH THAT FRANCE INCREASE COOPERATION WITH NATO AS A RESULT OF REEVALUATION. FERRABOSCHI SAID JULY 23 CC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AT COPENHAGEN ALSO SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT.

4. CSCE. WHILE MBFR WAS TERMED "THE ESSENTIAL WESTERN PROJECT", FERRABOSCHI SAID ITALIAN'S DID NOT ATTACH MUCH WEIGHT IN PRINCIPLE TO CSCE. FERRABOSCHI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR GERMAN WISH TO ADVANCE HUMAN CONTACTS THROUGH CSCE AS WELL AS

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INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SAID ROME DID NOT EXPECT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS ON FREER MOVEMENT FROM CSCE. FOR ITALY, FERRABOSCHI SAID CSCE WAS SEEN AS COMPLIMENTARY AND SOMEWHAT SECONDARY ASPECT OF EMERGING EAST/WEST DETENTE, WHOSE PACE WAS DICTATED ESSENTIALLY BY "FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE" FOR THE BETTER IN US/SOVIET RELATIONS.

5. NPT RATIFICATION. FERRABOSCHI CONFIRMED OUR ASSESSMENT THAT GERMAN RATIFICATION OF IAEA/EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT AND NPT PROBABLY WOULD COME BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HE PREDICTED ITALIAN  
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PARLIAMENT WOULD RATIFY THESE TWO LAWS "SOME MONTHS LATER". HE SAID GOI HAD INTRODUCED VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BEFORE NPT FOR TACTICAL REASONS AND THAT BOTH LAWS SHOULD BE RATIFIED, AT THE LATEST, BEFORE SUMMER 1974. WHILE THE CHANGE OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE OVERRIDING PRIORITY ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM MIGHT SLOW THINGS DOWN SOMEWHAT, FERRABOSCHI SAID EARLIER GERMAN RATIFICATION, SAY OCTOBER-EARLY NOVEMBER, ALSO COULD HAVE EFFECT OF RESULTANT ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF BOTH LAWS AS EARLY AS MARCH.  
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